

# MOUNTAIN Kid Sports NEWS

Highlighting the Athletic Achievements of Loma Prieta & CTE Students



## Girls Volleyball

### Cheetahs Qualify for Playoffs!

The CTE varsity squads finished up their season just before spring break, and it was a pretty exciting finish - with the "A" team qualifying to play in the league playoffs for the first time in years! To get there, the team had to win their final match against Fisher, which the Cheetah girls did - taking the match in two games, 25-18 and 25-18. Rachel, Emily, and Alexis had excellent games at the service line with strong serves and couple of aces and Alexis ripping off more than a dozen points and Rachel and Emily each with several points too. Natalia and Kayleigh also had a lot of great hits and Emily had a super kill off an Alexis assist.

The win put them in a quarterfinal match against the top-ranked Redwood Griffins. Unfortunately, the Cheetahs found themselves making little costly mistakes during both games, which the talented Redwood team capitalized on winning 25-15 and 25-11. Match highlights included a nice kill from Emily, Annika with a couple exciting plays at the net, Sophia's ace and some good serving again by Rachel, Natalia and Alexis.

The Varsity "B" team also finished the season playing some exciting volleyball. The Fisher game was, according to Coach Connors, "AWESOME!! We took them in two, despite having a few strong players missing from the usual lineup. Scores were 25-18 and 25-12." Some match highlights included good serving streaks by Kaya, Miranda and Mia, so much so in fact, that Fisher used timeouts during each of their service runs, attempting to "ice" the steady Cheetah players! Trinity also started off both games with her fantastic serve, Ella had some excellent passes, Sarah was solid with passes, MaryClare handled the back row beautifully and Gracie was strong in her serves and passing - lots of great teamwork on the court.

The win gave the Cheetahs a chance to qualify for the playoffs. Tied for 6th-place overall, they faced Monroe in a play-in match, with the winner headed to quarter-finals. Unfortunately, the match didn't go very well, with the squad losing a close first game, 22-25, and then the next one as well. As Coach Connors lauded, "Overall, the season was spectacular! This is a team that had a losing record on JV A last year -- not winning *ONE* game -- to being a contender for playoffs this season. Their dramatic improvement was a direct result of hard work, team work, commitment, drive and passion. They never gave up. It was an honor to coach these girls to a wonderful winning season - I'm so proud of all of them."

### One more thing...

If you know about a local student-athlete that has excelled in their sport – whether it's mountain biking, swimming, equestrian events, gymnastics, you name it! – please send an email to [mtnkid\\_sportsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:mtnkid_sportsnews@yahoo.com). We'll be highlighting the extracurricular sporting achievements of Loma Prieta and CTE students in future editions.

